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Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following documents cited in the Taiwanese Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Taiwanese Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to the references.

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